

POLITICAL REVIEW OF THE WEEK.

Signs and omens: When the Democratic party is reduced to the necessity of hiring plug uglies and thugs to rotten egg, stone and otherwise insult the most distinguished men in the Republican party who make speeches in behalf of their party, it portends that the Democratic party is in the highway to defeat and that decomposition and disintegration will shortly eventuate.

When Governor Roosevelt was assaulted and insulted in Colorado re-



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cently, it was a sign that all the Democrats in that particular section of Colorado would soon be afflicted with ORAL incoherence and that there wasn't anybody in that village who could measure up to Colonel Roosevelt in brains, ability or physical courage—that is, nobody of the Democratic faith.

When a Democratic bumper and rowdy threw a cake of ice at Senator Hanna, who was speaking in a western city recently, it was an omen of evil to the New York ICE TRUST.

There are other signs too numerous to mention, among which is the loquacity of the "emperor of New York," Richard the First. When Richard ejaculates overmuch at this stage of a campaign, state or national, it is an unfailing sign that he doesn't know "where he is at," or, if he knows, is not willing to tell.

Lieutenant Governor Woodruff was the orator of the day at the emancipation celebration at Binghamton, Sept. 27, and delivered an oration which is still being applauded. The lieutenant governor's familiarity with the history of the negro as "soldier, citizen, public official, professional man and industrial" opened the eyes of his auditors, and the Binghamton Republican says that during the delivery of his oration "he was frequently interrupted by thunders of applause." He made a great hit, and he will be in greater demand hereafter by colored organizations. The lieutenant governor is one of the most graceful, eloquent and pleasing platform speakers in the Empire State.

One of the tricks of the white men of the south who are desirous of giving a black eye to negro suffrage in that section is to induce alleged "well known business and professional men" in that section to write to the New York Sun and other northern Republican papers to say that they are quite willing to support and vote for McKinley provided they can be assured that the negro will be eliminated as a factor in the politics of the south, etc., ad nauseam.

When these men—these traitors—were conspiring to shake the foundations of the republic and to trail the stars and stripes in the dust of humiliation and defeat, to blot out the constitution and to make human slavery the corner stone of liberty, the negroes were the only real patriots and honest defenders and protectors of the nation's honor and integrity in the south. They gave aid and comfort to the Yankee soldiers in camp and field; they fed the half starved Federal prisoners in rebel prisons and helped

thousands to escape the horrors of these earthly hells; they acted as spies and guides to the Union troops in the "enemy's country," and there never was found among them a traitor in a black skin. In the still hours of the night and the early hours of the morning they were faithful and true friends to the hated Yankee soldiers, and when white winged peace o'erspread her wings upon the ruins of the Southern Confederacy the faithful and loyal negro stood by the Yankee until he had made this a nation and the union perpetual. And now the conquered white men of the south are seeking to obtain by strategy and diplomacy, by hypocrisy and half hearted protestations of loyalty to a magnanimous foe, what they could not obtain by treachery and force of arms. What monumental audacity, what cold blooded effrontery, to ask and expect the Republican party to eliminate the negro from politics when the negro was the bulwark of the party in the halcyon days of its power in the south. Perish the thought!

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IN THE EMPIRE STATE.

Mr. Anderson's Telling Speech—The Ladies Preparing for Thanksgiving.

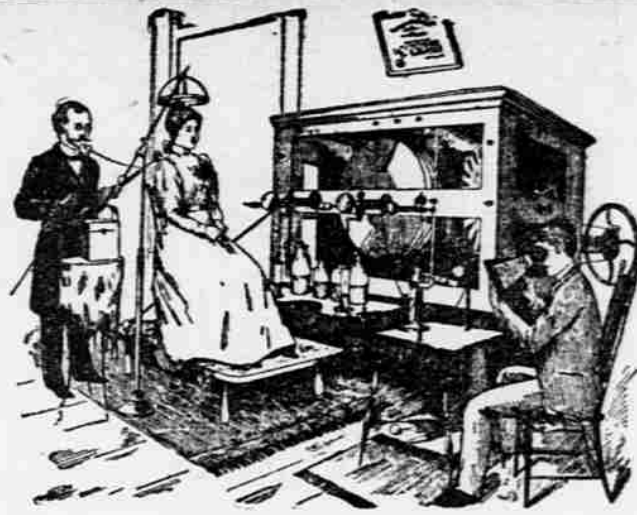
Buffalo New York, Special.—Officers and members of the Buffalo Working Boys' club and the ladies and gentlemen of the community are putting forth very strenuous efforts and energy for their "Ladies' evening full dress reception" and gentlemen's evening full dress ball on Thanksgiving every November 29th. This ball will be of unique style and order. The Marshall and Robinson dancing class Friday evening, October 17th, at Walker's dancing academy instruction in all the latest dances. Special attention to beginners.

The regular monthly meeting of the Afro-American Investment Company will be held at the Michigan Street Baptist church, Friday evening, Nov. 2nd. The ladies of this company will give their old folks concert at Golden Hall, Oak and Clinton streets, Thursday evening, Oct. 25th. Admission 25 cents. The Phyllis Wheatly club held its first open meeting for the season at the Michigan Street Baptist church, Sunday, Oct. 6th, which was largely attended. The regular, monthly meeting of Buffalo Working Boys' club will be held at the residence of Mr. Robert Buckner Thursday, November 25th. Members are requested to be present. Mr. Thos. Robinson, ex-corresponding secretary of the Buffalo Working Boys' club slipped and bruised his knee cap but is now recovering.

Mr. Anderson, of New York city, the republican political philosopher, addressed the colored republican league last week at Town Hall. Mr. Anderson in fact did not address the league but preached. His text was taken from Deut. 32 chapter and 15th verse. He showed in his sermon that he was well acquainted with the political situation of the American Negro. He held the audience spell-bound for 45 minutes and won great applause. Public sentiment has been aroused as to the forming of a new citizens league which is much needed in this community. The Negro is fast realizing the fact that the strength of the white man in America lies within the efficiency of organization; that if he ever expects to be lifted to the standard of respectability and strength he must do the same.

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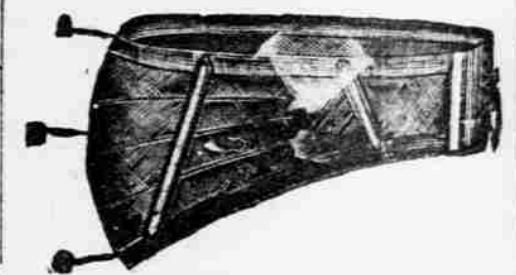
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